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SUBJ: CHIEF MATANZIMA OPENS DEBATE IN ASSEMBLY

REF: DURBAN 86 AND 87

1. OPENING THE DEBATE ON INDEPENDENCE RESOLUTION (REFTELS)  
IN TRANSKEI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MARCH 25, CHIEF MINISTER  
KAISER MATANZIMA DECLARED INDEPENDENCE WOULD COME SOON  
AFTER OCTOBER 1976, WHEN A GENERAL ELECTION WOULD BE HELD.  
HE TOLD ASSEMBLY HE ENVISAGED "COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL  
DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, INCLUDING DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS"  
AND RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED AT UN AND TO "MAKE TREATIES WITH  
ANY OTHER COUNTRY WELL-DISPOSED TO OUR OWN". STATED INDEPEN-  
DENCE WOULD BRING "FREEDOM FROM THE OPERATION OF THE  
REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT'S PASS LAWS, WHICH APPLY TO BLACKS

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ONLY". WOULD ALSO PERMIT "FREE COMMUNICATION AND CONTRACTUAL  
AGREEMENTS WITH ANY FRIENDLY STATE ON FINANCIAL MATTERS,

TRANSPORT OR DEFENSE".

2. INDEPENDENCE WOULD ALLOW TRANSKEI'S FUTURE TO BE PLANNED "AS WE PLEASE AND NOT AS DIRECTED BY PRETORIA", HE ADDED. EXPERTS TO ASSIST AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE RECRUITED FROM ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, WHILE TRANSKEIAN CITIZENS EMPLOYED IN WHITE SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE PROTECTED BY A BILATERAL TREATY. INDEPENDENCE WOULD PERMIT INSTITUTION OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION AS WELL AS ABOLITION OF ALL RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, WHICH "WOULD BE A LESSON TO THE REPUBLIC".

3. AN INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI WOULD STILL RELY ON WHITE SOUTH AFRICA FOR HELP IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN FILLING TOP JUDICIAL AND TECHNICAL POSTS. IN ADDITION, EXPERTS WOULD BE NEEDED TO TRAIN A DEFENSE FORCE TO DEFEND TRANSKEI AGAINST EXTERNAL ATTACKS. EVERY ABLE-BODIED MAN WOULD BE ENLISTED FOR MILITARY SERVICE AND IN TIMES OF TROUBLE "OUR FORCES WILL FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH REPUBLICAN FORCES". IN AN ALLUSION TO HIS LAND CLAIMS, MATANZIMA INSISTED THAT FULFILMENT OF QUOTA UNDER 1936 LAND ACT WAS NOT SUFFICIENT AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS ITS LONG-STANDING CLAIMS FOR INCLUSION OF SEVERAL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS ALONG PRESENT TRANSKEI BORDERS.

4. LEADER OF OPPOSITION, KNOWLEDGE GUZANA, CLAIMED TRANSKEI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DID NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE. THEREFORE, REFERENDUM SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE GOVERNMENT STARTED INDEPENDENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAG.

5. AS INDICATED REFTELS, IT LIKELY THAT INDEPENDENCE FEVER NOW GRIPPING TRANSKEIAN POLITICIANS WILL ASSURE RAPID PASSAGE INDEPENDENCE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED BY CHIEF MINISTER.  
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